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Application No: 10/553,384

**AMENDMENTS IN THE CLAIMS:**

1-4. (Canceled)

5. (Currently Amended) ~~The method of manufacturing a linear motor device according to claim 4,~~ A method for manufacturing a linear motor device, comprising the steps of:

fixing a first outer yoke block and a second outer yoke block to a first clamping member and a second clamping member, respectively, by ultrasonic welding;

while said first and second outer yoke blocks are fixed to said first and second clamping members, coupling said first and second clamping members together by ultrasonic welding with a spacer interposed therebetween, and

fixing said first and second outer yoke blocks to each other,

wherein said first and second clamping members are coupled together with a gap provided between said first and second outer yoke blocks.

6-8. (Canceled)